Literary News and Criticism

Henri Bergson's Essay on Crea- are complementary, and they are com tive Evolution.

CREATIVE EVOLUTION. By Henri Bergson, Member of the Institute, Pro-fessor at the College de France. Au-thorized translation by Arthur Mitchell, Ph. D. Svo. pp. xv. 407. Henry Holt Bergson lays down the law that instinct thur Mitchell. of constructing organized instruments; intelligence perfected is the faculty of

An insistence on the purely utilitarian making and using unorganized instrufunction of the intellect runs like a ments. What within its limits instinct thread throughout the present volume, can accomplish is illustrated by impresand it forms the author's chief contribu-Professor William James, whose chapter instinct lay their eggs in spiders, beetles name have been almost forgotten by the an acqualatance in China. It consists of enlogy in "A Pluralistic Universe" or caterpillars, which, having first been public," notwithstanding his contempo- of a suit of red silk pajamas. Now, from seems to have given the signal for trans- subjected by the wasp to a skilful surgi- rary fame as statesman and orator and the title of the book it is obvious that lating the author's principal works-one cal operation, will go on living motion- the importance of his constant and the gift carries with it weird possibiliessay on creative evolution. A philos- the sting which they give to the nerve ophy so frankly opposing itself to invet- centres of their victim they take into ac- Henry Lee-sometime president of the He is the last man in the world for draa passing attention, and when the doc- Scolia, attacking a larvee of the rose dence, foreign alliances and a plan of reckon with more than exciting episodes, trine is backed with sedulous argument. beetle, stings it in one point only, but in confederation and a member of the and, of course, his friends are drawn into beside being made resplendent through this point the motor ganglia are concenvivid and plenteous comparisons, the trated, and those ganglia alone. The pearance, in 1825, of the "Memoir" pre- world is filled with magic-very sinister total impression is precisely that af- stinging of other ganglia might cause forded in the apparition of M. Bergson, a death and putrefaction. The Ammophila his correspondence was concerned, conprofessor in the College of France, who hirsuta gives nine successive strokes of tained less than a hundred of his letters, course, there is not even a momentary has been halled-erroneously, no doubt- its sting upon nine nerve centres of its introduced in unpardonable chronological question of playing upon the reader's as the rising hope of all who grow weary caterpillar, and then seizes the head and disorder.

Mme, de Etael called on Fichte, in Ber- The zeal shown by M. Bergson in and in French, the scholar is said to have when we come to what forms his sec-These things do not allow ond outstanding hypothesisce with the dry and clamant intellect, is revealed to intui- a existence of which it is tudes; the veritable mobility would retions on the material world-that is to M. Bergson exhorts us:

stant with its accumulated experience, with the idealist's helfer. moments is something new added to sted with the names of Darwin, La- Morris on May 28, 1775, Lee says: eral, as of the individual, we may say that to exist is to change, to change is to mature and to mature is to go on consists it is not surprising that neither creating one's self endlessly. Like the teleological, "finalist," views nor leave to proving the supreme place of the current and their successors are brought under revisal beneath the light York have certainly effected a most important change in the political systems of that flourishing City. I congratulate you. Ser, and your worthy Associates in this have revolution. It is most certain that a profligate Ministry have greatly relied on the assistance of your fine fertile proveled. Heraclitus, who devoted his melancholy those of radical mechanism afford pleas-letsure to proving the supreme place of ure to our author. As we have seen, he system. A System A System by which existing mi the law of change, M. Bergson is an is averse to any dogmatizing about creation that not only the world we reside in but the wide universe were "all a fleeting show." Not quite all, since Life, omnipresent and changing, itself endures.

The law of change, M. Bergson is an is averse to any dogmatizing about creations, and Millions yet unborn, are to be plunged into the abyss of slavery, and of consequence deprived of every glorious distinction that marks the Man from the Brute. But, happily for the cause of humanity, the colonies are now united, and may bid defiance to tyranny and its infamous Abettors.

impetus, an internal push that has cor- to be explained, and consequently got no man and leader gives a living human ried life by increasingly complex forms nearer to the root of nature and of mind. touch to history in these letters and to higher and higher destinies. Professor To speak, with Huxley, of the entire makes them vivid, fascinating reading Bergson means by progress a continual world as the result of the mutual inter. They are generally too long for quotasevance in the general direction deter- action, according to definite laws, of the tion here, and one hesitates to detach mined by a first impulsion, rather than forces possessed by the molecules of extracts from their centext, with the the realization of some plan given in ad- which the primitive nebulosity of the unavoidable loss of the impression they vance. Adaptation to environment is a universe was composed, is to employ create. Professor Ballagh has earned increasely condition of evolution, and it mechanistic terms where they will not explains the sinuscities of evolutionary fit. To add that the existing world lay, in the cosmic vapor, and that task all too long neglected. is the general directions taken by evolu- a sufficient intellect could from a knowltion; still less can it explain the move- edge of the properties of the molecules of ment itself. Taking divergent directions, that vapor have predicted, say, the life does not proceed by the association and addition of elements, but by dissociation and division. Many of its paths have proved to be blind alleys, and it has discovered but two or three highways; and of these highways themselves, only one—that which leads through the vertebrates up to man—has been wide enough to allow free passage lated complete in eternity. Real time is studied that has been a out of question, and the apparent dura. Taking divergent directions, that vapor have predicted, say, the From The Dundee Advertiser. to the full breath of life. It has been a out of question, and the apparent dura-cardinal error in our philosophies of tion expresses merely the infirmity of a just before a stiff examination, Wilhelm nature to see in vegetative, instinctive mind that cannot know everything at arrived at his friend's room to be and rational life three successive degrees once.

The ruling ideas of the essay, broadly read up at all on this subject. You had tendency, whereas they are three devisting courses of an activity that has
divided as it has grown. We are generally led to regard instinct and intelli
The runny leass of the essay, broadly read up at all on this subject. You had better sit up all night to-night studying." "No," replied Wilhelm. "I must drink with the corps to-night." Without a word Bethmann-Hollweg closed the book and declined to have anything more gence as activities of which one is su- space and time, the confusion of dura- to do with the Prince's studies. Wilhelm gence as activities of which one is superior to the other and based upon it. It is space and time, the confusion of duration to the other and based upon it. It is much extension; and these would have value chiefly for students of technical philosophy. If there are matters chiefled that instinct and intelligence are which the intelligent layman will not things of the same kind. In reality they have the presumption to understand, the probably remembered this little incident when he chose Bethmann-Hollwag as

cause of the wide prospects the author is able to delineate in the book of life from which he takes his text.

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posite to what is intelligent in intelli-

gence. Tracing their rise in nature, M

perfected is a faculty of using and even

RICHARD HENRY LEE A Neglected Virginian Patriot and Statesman.

THE LETTERS OF RICHARD HENRY
LEE Collected and edited by James
Curtis Rallagh, Ph. D., LL. D., Assectate Professor of American History in
the Johns Hopkins University, Vol. 1,
with portrait, pp. xxvii, 467. (The Macmillan Company.)

Bobbs-Merrill Company.

This is a first rate example of the kind of fiction which one cannot take very seriously, but which is pretty nearly indispensable to the summer months. It
is a tissue of graderical impossibilities.

by Lee between the years 1762 and 1792, contrary, from beginning to end, he is the editor having searched the archives in a gale of innocent fun. It should be added, is published under with the history of thought and with the ing in sympathetic activity for appre- the auspices of the National Society of with a systematized thoroughness that secures accuracy without distracting the

with things, science, like all ordinary reader's attention. ity, and nature may knowledge, is concerned only with the brief and to the point, County, Va., on January 20, 1782, Richexpected to take hold of sening the intervals between the atti- was adopted on July 2, that "these united far forth the exag- grasps only the already made and looks be, totally dissolved." Lee was a memfar forth the exagfar forth the exagfor forth the exagof philosophy in the
from the outside, but with that faculty
from of the human mind? In all con- of vision which springs up somehow '84, being returned to Congress in the with the turning of the will on itself. As latter year and elected its president. He was elected to the Senate on the adoption of the new federal Constitu-

tion is meant the continuous progress of still be disposed to insist that it takes a the past which bites into the future, air right logic to dispose of a false, and that ways moving on and enlarging unceastit takes a concept to demolish a continuous progress of still be disposed to insist that it takes a difficulties of short term enlistments and of equipment for the troops, or the nuight much better have left it to the Paris.

At all events, Mr tapes has done very that it takes a the difficulties of short term enlistments and of equipment for the troops, or the nuight much better have left it to the Paris.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS.

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Expounding the notion of an original posited in advance everything that was. The ardent patriot behind the states-

PRINCE AND FRIEND

accompany each other only because they essay will prove exhibitating if only be- his Chancellar.

FICTION

Summer Reading, Made Here and Abroad.

CLEVER ABSURDITIES Ferry Elliott, With Edmund Frederick, 12n Bobbs-Merrill Company

is a tissue of grotesque impossibilities; PHYLLIS IN MIDDLEWICH. By Mar-Novels by Graham Phillips. Professor Ballagh does well a mer- there is next to no indication in it of a thesis that some three years ago enlisted theme, "the necessity of parelyzing with- great and true and eminently useful is a prosperous American bachelor, who that have the late out believe the necessity of parelyzing withthe admiring expository aid of the late out killing." The species that have this American patriot, whose "services and receives in the first chapter a gift from formation patriot, whose "services and receives in the first chapter a gift from formation by the Appletons in the autumn. with the life and career of Richard attention bestowed upon Mr. Lightnut. erate habits of the human mind might on count, so to speak, the different species Continental Congress, mover of the respared by his grandson. This, so far as magic-and as for his love affair, it is The present work, of which credulity. At the outset he realizes that squeezes it in its mandibles enough to the first volume is now ready, will con- he must meet Mr. Eillott half way. But tain some five hundred letters written doing this, he has no regret. On the

A FRENCH SHOCKER

MAN WITHOUT A mme Sans Figure. By lere. English Version by Crewe-Jones. Hiustrations ingham Company

The tale of crime and mystery was long ago skilfully developed in French Face" is tolerably diverting. It starts an American millionaire of the approved | swer. French type. Magnificently ruthless is fore!" this bustling Mr. Kingsley. He is ac- arch. This Baudard de Vaudésir de customed to do and to have everything Saint-James is described by Mme. he wants, and when the unhappy Vigée-Lebrun, who painted his porsculptor of the story falls into his hands trait, as the "perfect type of the vulactions in every direction. The action the ruins of which may to-day be seen passes both in France and America and at Neuilly, near the private lunatic asyon both sides of the sea it puts the lum of Dr. Semelaige, who is a greataverage "shilling shocker" in the shade. nephew of the famous Dr. Pinal, the first The French variety of that type of lit- physician who treated the insane as "paerature is nothing if not fantastic. It tients," and not as criminals. abounds in horrors and its plot is more- gar parvenu," Saint-James, afterward book for hammock reading.

MR. BERNARD CAPES.

ordinary mediocre mechanician in fiction. When he is at his best he is a man of imagination and an artist. In this Current Talk of Things Present book we take it that he is at his worst, for he gives us neither imagination nor art. Nevertheless, since the book coutains some puzzles and is to that ex-THE HAUNTED PAJAMAS. By Francis tent readable we hope that it will be at least successful enough to persuade the publishers to acquire 'The Love

Really likable children are very few the author pays tribute to a literary tradition here and there, but the reader Japanese Poetry. who knows how to make allowances for ups of Middlewich are not merely a background for her and a sort of Greek chorus, but lead lives of their own, of which the reader is allowed another view than that from Phyllis's clear, observant than that from Phyllis's clear, observant When Winter turns to Spring, blue eyes. Of course, it is a great un-Birds that were songless make their songs dertaking to fill a sizable book with a child, and occasionally the author has drawn heavily upon her invention, as in the case of the slum child from London, but on the whole she has made a pleasing success of her difficult venture.

THE PARVENU'S BOWLDER A Parisian Type of the Time of Louis XVI.

Ports June 16. "Good heavens! What in the world is In place of the excellent tradi- XVI one summer morning in the year Poumiès de la gar parvenu." The huge bowlder was for Hence the most astounding trans- known as the "Folly of Saint-James." in the Bastile. Released during the revolution, he became a sort of adventurer last March. and "jack of all trades." Among other Théo in a Temper. tween Talleyrand and the frail London centenary has, of course, revived many new book, entitled "Environs de Paris,"

Bu unprofitable servant. Restrict its importance and there are still left wide fields open to its beneficent and proper ultimate reality through the gate of the integrations. Abandon hope of reaching ultimate reality through the gate of the integrations. Samuel Adams, Dr. William Shiptons are truly free.

The scope and value of Lee's serbad the cordial reception which its high of interest to American tourists in the merit deserved, we wondered why there was disagreeable. But, nothing daunted, the lad led Gautler to a shop delightful books of his as "A Jay of the compact and undivided. Into a present which is slipping away, in order to thrust it in the about him. He was told that the subject was disagreeable, but, nothing daunted, the lad led Gautler to a shop delightful books of his as "A Jay of the compact and undivided. Into a present which it will create by entering. Rare, in the lad the cordial reception which its high of interest to American tourists in the merit deserved, we wondered why there was disagreeable. But, nothing daunted, the lad led Gautler to a shop delightful books of his as "A Jay of the lad the cordial reception which its high of interest to American tourists in the merit deserved, we wondered why there which is slipping away, in order to thrust it compact and undivided. Into a present which is slipping away, in order to thrust it will create by entering Rare, in the subject was disagreeable. But, nothing daunted, the lad led Gautler to a shop window where was exposed a photograph of the compact of the grant and proper in that we then plunge back.

There is an amusing description of delightful books of his as "A Jay of led Gautler to a shop window where was exposed a photograph of the compact of the subject was disagreeable. But had not been American editions of such that the subject was disagreeable. The was disagreeable of the present in the subject was disagreeable. The was disagreeable of the present in the subject was disagreeable. The was disagreeable of the present in the subject wa pen, jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, Patrick cordingly filled us with pleasant expectaauthor's assistance, you shall discover a more excellent way.

Closely linked with the account of the genesis and sphere of intellect are two main hypotheses. With this trinity of teachings once understood the render. teachings once understood the render of reality imparts is not too deep for depoint of view of the essay. The first hypothesis is that life from its origin is the continuation of one and the same vital impetus, divided into divergent vital impetus, divided into divergent. Innes of evolution. Continuity of changs, preservation of the past in the preservation of affairs in the daily papers, note of all these letters, which are however, which are however, no less remarkable for their author's piercing insight into the militation at the logical categories that he chiefly insugate the logical categories that he chiefly insugate the preservation of the past in the preservation of the past in the present. However, chestered by the daily papers, note of all these letters, which are, however, their administered to his formentor a paternal administered to his formentor a paternal when he comes into a fortune he outer the daily papers, into the militation must use the weapons formed by investigation of those pleas into follow up the adventures promote the cause is the action. The daily papers in the daily papers, administered to his tormentor a paternal administered to his tormentor a paternal when he comes into a fortune he outer, no less remarkable for their author's piercing insight into the militation of those pleas into a fortune he over, no less remarkable for their author's piercing insight into the militation of those pleas into a fortune he outer administered to his tormentor a paternal when he comes into a fortune he outer administered to his order in the logical categories that he comes into a fortune he outer administered to his order administered to his order and half in arranged on the Island of Pheasants on the Bidassoa. But it never took place, the Mick. Observing has been used to his order and half in arranged on the Island of Pheasants on the Bidassoa. But it never took place, the Mick observing has a paternal preservation of the past in the present, whatever may not fit into ready made real duration, inventive ceaseless creation—this is the order of life. By duration is meant the continuous progress of still be disposed to insist that it takes a

and to Come.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

The Macmillan Company publishes today, in two volumes, the "Autobiography" of Alfred Austin. This ought to contain some interesting recollections, for the Poet Laureate has known many of the distinguished persons of his time. He has much to say about his numerous journeys abroad, especially in Italy. His memories include, by the way, more

It appears that the late Graham Phillips left several completely finished fiction. "Phyllis" is likable. To be sure, had written the last words of a novelette

Lovers of the Orient will rejoice in arduous labor for the cause of American ties, but we doubt if any reader could that will take a genuine interest in an Professor Basil Hall Chamberlain's "Japon unmediate data, one transportance dealing guess the amazing consequences of the English girl who is as good a speed provide the larvæ with fresh meat. In liberty. Little of importance dealing guess the amazing consequences of the English girl who is as good a speed provide the larvæ with fresh meat. little troubles of her small existence and translations which first appeared thirty venrs ago, he expresses some dissatisfacaccount of its sheer strangeness engage of prey they respectively attack. The elutions for a Declaration of Indepenfeelings, and she is as healthy a little the scrupulous exactitude which he has animal, physically and mentally, as a since learned to prefer in work of the girl of her age ought to be. The grown- sort, but this will not trouble his readers. Here, from the group of "Miscellaneous Poems," is an ode composed by Ohogomi in obedience to the commands of the Mikado Tenji

Plow'rs that were flow'rless cover all the teresting features of Maldstone, whish

ground:
Yet tis no perfect thing—
I cannot walk, so tangled is each hill:
So thick the herbs, I cannot pluck my fill.
But in the autumn-tide
I cull the scarlet leaves and love them And let the green leaves stay, with many

a tear,
All on the fair hillside:
All on the fair hillside:
No time so sweet as that. Away! Away!
Autumn's the time I fain would keep alway.

The Queen to Death.

There is a touching glimpse of Marie Antoinette's passage to the scaffold in to-day the quality it once pos- this?" was the question put by Louis the lately published reminiscences of Dr. Vaudésir de Saint-James," was the an- cart. She was lifted rather than assisted observed the good-natured mon- cap, and in a moment all was over.

The play bearing this title, which has been one of the great successes of re-Duffield & Co. It has for frontispiece a halftone from the bust of Augustus Thomas, by Robert I. Aitken, but We are glad to note that there are no other cluded in a printed play are always better omitted from a library edition. Prely magnificent. This is another good became bankrupt, and was imprisoned fixed to this volume, however, is the cast

lected from hundreds of others in the cist. One of these, which relates to his superstition and his belief in the evil Let us then concentrate attention on that increasing ill health, dying two years in any effort to gain insight into the living order of the universe the intellect is our indispensable helper, whereas in any effort to gain insight into the living order of the universe the intellect is unprofitable servant. Restrict its im-

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when enthusiastically joyeus, the quality he music retains throughout the stamp my individual tone. In short, I rely aving, just at the right moment, hit up having, just at the nerve of German life and of having given to that life the popular local coloring which the foreigne specially loves and appreciates.

Commemorating Charles Dickens

The centenary of Dickens's birth has

an almost continuous celebration to England. The Dickens Fellowship and making pilgrimages from time to tim to many of the places associated with his novels. One of these was to the coe tage at Chalk, near Gravesend, wherete the novelist spent his honeymoon. The have placed there a bronze bust of Dick ens. Another expedition revealed the in is said to be the "Muggleton" of "Pick estate of Cob Tree, the original of Many Farm, to whose hospitality the amiak

The many American readers of Mr Eden Philipotts's novels will be giad to hear that a new book from his pen is

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